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LGBT community in stunned mourning as death toll in worst mass shooting in U.S. history rises to 50. 2

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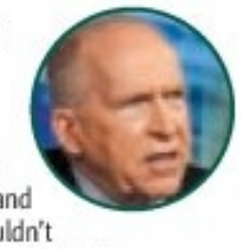
THOUSANDS AT STREET PARTY FOR BRITISH QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

1 Ten thousand guests braved rain to take part in a giant street party in front of Buckingham Palace on Sunday to celebrate the official 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth, Britain's longest-reigning monarch. Hundreds of tables lined the Mall, the grand avenue leading to the palace, for the Patron's Lunch which saw representatives of the more than 600 charities and other organizations of which Elizabeth is patron enjoying food from wicker picnic hampers. Organized by her grandson, Peter Phillips, the lunch was the final event in a weekend of celebrations which has included a church service at London's St Paul's Cathedral and a traditional Trooping the Colour parade of soldiers. REUTERS

ABORTION PROVIDERS, OPPONENTS BRACE FOR HIGH COURT DECISION

2 The Supreme Court is due to rule by the end of June on whether the Texas law, which imposes strict regulations on abortion doctors and clinic facilities, violates a woman's constitutional right to end her pregnancy as set out in the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling. The court has not issued a major abortion-related ruling since 2007. The law requires abortion doctors to have "admitting privileges," a type of formal affiliation, at a hospital within 30 miles (48 km) of the clinic. That provision has been implemented. A second provision, not yet in effect, requires clinics to have costly hospital-grade facilities including extensive standards for such attributes as corridor width, room size, floor tiles and the swinging motion of doors. Supporters of the law, passed by a Republican-led legislature and signed by a Republican governor in 2013, say it was enacted to protect women's health. REUTERS

CIA EXPECTS RELEASE OF 9/11 DOCUMENTS TO CLEAR SAUDI ARABIA



3 CIA chief John Brennan said on Sunday he expects 28 classified pages of a U.S. congressional report into the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States to be published, absolving Saudi Arabia of any responsibility. "So these 28 pages I believe are going to come out and I think it's good that they come out. People shouldn't take them as evidence of Saudi complicity in the attacks," Brennan said in an interview with Saudi-owned Arabiya TV, according to a transcript provided by the network. The withheld section of the 2002 report is central to a dispute over whether Americans should be able to sue the Saudi government, a key U.S. ally, for damages. REUTERS

LGBT communities reeling in wake of worst mass shooting in US history

On Sunday, 50 people were killed and more than 50 were injured in a massacre outside a gay nightclub.

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The nation and LGBT communities were in stunned mourning as the toll from a massacre early Sunday at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, rose to 50 dead and 53 wounded, making it the worst mass shooting in U.S. history.

The gunman, identified as Omar Mir Seddique Mateen, 29, was shot and killed in a gun battle with police after shooting his way into the club, Pulse, then going on a killing spree with a semiautomatic rifle and handgun.

Mateen reportedly was born in New York to Afghan parents. In a 911 call, Mateen pledged his allegiance to ISIS, the militant Islamists who have overrun parts of Syria and Iraq. According to his father, Mateen detested homosexuals.

In a nationally televised speech Sunday afternoon, President Barack Obama labeled the attack an "act of terror and an act of hate."

"We know enough to say this was an act of terror and an act of hate," Obama said. "The FBI is appropriately investigating this as an act of terror. We will go wherever the facts lead us. What is clear is he was a person filled with hatred."

As the names of victims began to be released, gay clubs organized vigils, while police stepped up security at Pride events.

New York

The NYPD issued assurances that it can safeguard the city's Pride events culminating in the annual parade Sunday June 26.

"The NYPD is always in a state of vigilance and our anti-terror capacity will ensure a safe upcoming Pride Week," the department said in a tweet.

The city's gay clubs offered condolences to the victims and their families.

The Stonewall Inn, famously known as the site of the 1969 Stonewall Riots that many consider the birth of the gay rights movement, planned to hold a vigil Sunday night organized by the Stonewall Democrats.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and families in Orlando. We stand in solidarity and in sadness with our entire LGBT community," the organizers posted.

Other vigils planned Sunday night included a gathering at Diversity Plaza in Jackson Heights with Muslim and LGBT activists to "denounce violence in all its forms and pay their respects to the victims of the Orlando terror attack," and an interfaith vigil at Harlem's Judson Church.

The cast of the Broadway smash "Hamilton" announced it would be performing at the Tony awards Sunday night without prop guns because of the shooting.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio and Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered flags in the city and state to be flown at half-staff in remembrance of the 50 victims.

Omar Mateen DRIVERS LICENCE PHOTO

Boston

Security was increased for Sunday's Pride events as news spread of the massacre in Orlando.

"When we woke up and read the news, we were horrified," Pride president Sylvain Bruni said. "The fact that a gay venue was targeted, whether that was specifically the motive or not, goes to our hearts because we are celebrating Pride right now."

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans said earlier Sunday that his department would be providing additional support to LGBT clubs in the city.

"Clearly, this was a hate crime geared at the gay population, and we're going to make sure they are safe," Evans told reporters.

Bruni urged the LGBT community not to be deterred by the shooting.

"We are not afraid," he said. "We should be having a celebration of pride and who we are. The city has our back. The city has stepped up greatly."

David Goulart, 44, of Quincy, Massachusetts, said the LGBT community has stood together through challenging times in its history.

"I don't think the gay community has ever been the community to sit back and live in fear," he said. "We're just not that kind of group."

Philadelphia

Philly's Pride Day parade was underway as the full horror of what had occurred in Orlando became apparent. Revelers marched through the Gayborhood and Old City on Sunday, but the day's festivities were tinged with sorrow.

"The hearts of the staff, management and owners of Woody's along with Philly's LGBTQ community are heavy this morning," Woody's wrote on their Facebook page.

Voyeur Nightclub echoed that statement, writing, "We join our LGBTQ family at Woody's in praying for our LGBTQ brothers and sisters in Orlando today."

Philadelphia director of LGBT affairs Nelli Fitzpatrick wrote on Facebook that police were increasing their presence at the Pride parade, but had no reports of any threats of similar violence.

"They have no reason to believe that there are any similar threats for [Sunday's] Philly Pride events," Fitzpatrick wrote in the post. "However, [Philadelphia Police Department] will be taking all necessary precautions for [Sunday's] parade and festival to ensure a safe event for everyone."

A vigil for the victims is planned for 6:30 p.m. Monday outside City Hall.

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A coastal storm could put a damper on Father's Day next Sunday GETTY IMAGES

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Bolaris' Weather Watch

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My dad passed away way too soon, and he never had the chance to see me achieve my childhood dream of becoming the CBS TV weatherman. However, I knew he was still there by my side as my very first TV contract was signed Oct. 7, 1987, four years to the day he passed. Thank you, Dad, for helping me live my dream, I was truly blessed.

You might be asking why have the last 12 years become so special? Well, as any dad would tell you, there is nothing more loving and special than a daddy's love of his daughter. On this coming Father's Day, I will put away all communication in my crazy world (my 12-year-old daughter tells me now to get rid of the phone) and it's nothing but father-daughter time.

Whenever I see her, everything that might be going on in my life or the world melts away. As I write this and see the news and the endless sea of innocent deaths, it only increases my concerns as my beautiful, wonderfully sensitive child starts to venture into this unknown world of horrific violence. I worry so deeply about her, and I know you as parents have the same overwhelming concerns.

Now back to something I can write about without emotion: the weather.

Most of this week is looking fantastic, with plenty of sunshine and low humidity that should take us right through midweek.

However, the models are hinting that a slowly evolving coastal storm might start to take shape on Friday near the Mid-Atlantic coast and start to spread rain northward up and along the coast. It appears the biggest threat is from Philly and points south in the early part of the weekend.

One model is also suggesting that the coastal storm may actually get pulled back westward toward the Northeast, meaning a rainstorm for the Northeast coast on Father's Day as far back as the I-95 corridor. This would be very unusual for this time of year, although we still have plenty of time to see if this turns out to be fact or fiction. Confidence level at this early time frame is very low.

Even if it does rain on Dad's Day, in the grand scheme of things, it's really no big deal.

Philadelphia

Monday: Sunshine, not as windy or hot, 84

Tuesday: Sunny, 83

Wednesday: Sunny, 86

Thursday: Possible showers, 81

Friday: Rain threat 75

Weekend

Will depend on coastal storm formation

If storm remains offshore, expect sunshine temps low 80s Still uncertain at this time.

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Which lines will accept Key?

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Can I still use my tokens?

Yes. All existing fare payment methods will be accepted and be available for purchase throughout the testing period. SEPTA assured its customers there will be advanced public notice before any existing fare methods, including paper transfers and tickets, are phased out.

What's so great about Key, anyway?

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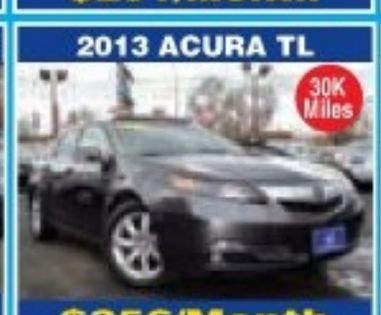

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BRIEF

Thousands flee Fallujah using first safe exit route secured by Iraqi army

The Iraqi army said on Sunday it had secured the first safe exit route for civilians to leave Islamic State's besieged stronghold Fallujah, and a Norwegian aid group said thousands of people had already used it to flee in the first day it was open.

While it pressed on with its offensive in Fallujah, the army also launched a fresh advance in the direction of the northern city of Mosul, Islamic State's de facto Iraqi capital, under cover of airstrikes from a U.S.-led coalition.

The assaults by the Iraqi army are taking place at the same time as advances against Islamic State by U.S.-backed fighters and Russian-backed Syrian government forces in Syria, at the opposite end of the militants' self-proclaimed caliphate.

Fighting on a range of fronts in both Iraq and Syria in recent weeks amounts to some of the biggest pressure on the militants since they swept across much of Iraq and Syria in 2014 and declared their rule over all Muslims from territory that is home to millions of people.

In Iraq, the government launched a major operation last month to recapture the Islamic State bastion of Fallujah, an hour's drive from Baghdad.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has said troops are delaying advances to protect civilians. The United Nations fears for the fate of up to 90,000 people believed trapped inside Fallujah with little food or water.

The new exit route, known as al-Salam (Peace) Junction, was secured on Saturday, southwest of Fallujah, Joint Operation Command spokesman Brigadier-General Yahya Rasool told Reuters. REUTERS

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PEDAL TO THE METAL

TOM FOREMAN

Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the new book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

Both major parties are rapidly turning to the general election now and hoping to unify their bases. But the real race is for the center — all those independents who will decide the vote and who pretty strongly dislike the presumptive nominees. So load up, gas up and release the parking brake. Here are my three things to watch this week in politics.

1. TRUMP'S TRUMPET

Up until now it has all been skirmishing; this week Donald Trump will floor it in his attacks on Hillary Clinton. In a widely anticipated speech, Trump is expected to rip her character, her decision making, and her trustworthiness — laying out what could be the battle plan for the Republicans all the way to November. Watch to see if he uses a teleprompter. Without one he can be fiery, but if he sticks to a script that could be a sign of something GOPers have prayed for and Dems fear — a more disciplined and potentially potent candidate.

2. WORKING IT

Clinton has issues in the Rust Belt where her stance on trade deals has alienated some working folks. Trump has responded by saying he'll target Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin. That may explain why she's heading to that part of the country this week, hoping to shore up support. A little good news for her camp: The largest labor union, the AFL-CIO, is expected to endorse her this week. May not help, but certainly won't hurt.

3. ON THE ROAD AGAIN

The polls say plenty of Americans are not big fans of President Obama's home game, but on the road he is a two-time champion. We'll find out if he still has the power to turbocharge a campaign when he hits the trail to help Clinton. What to watch? Presidents have a way of overshadowing the pols they are trying to help, and if Clinton feels too much shadow they could wind up working mostly separate stages until the fall.

BRIEF

Bomb blast in central Beirut aimed at bank

A bomb exploded outside the headquarters of Lebanese Blom Bank in central Beirut on Sunday, causing damage but no fatalities, the interior minister said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

The Lebanese banking sector has been at the centre of an escalating crisis since the United States passed a law requiring banks to take steps to target the finances of the armed Shi'ite political group Hezbollah.

Lebanon's central bank has pushed its commercial banks to heed the U.S. act, and Blom Bank is one of those that has closed accounts belonging to people suspected of links to Hezbollah. The group had no immediate comment on the blast.

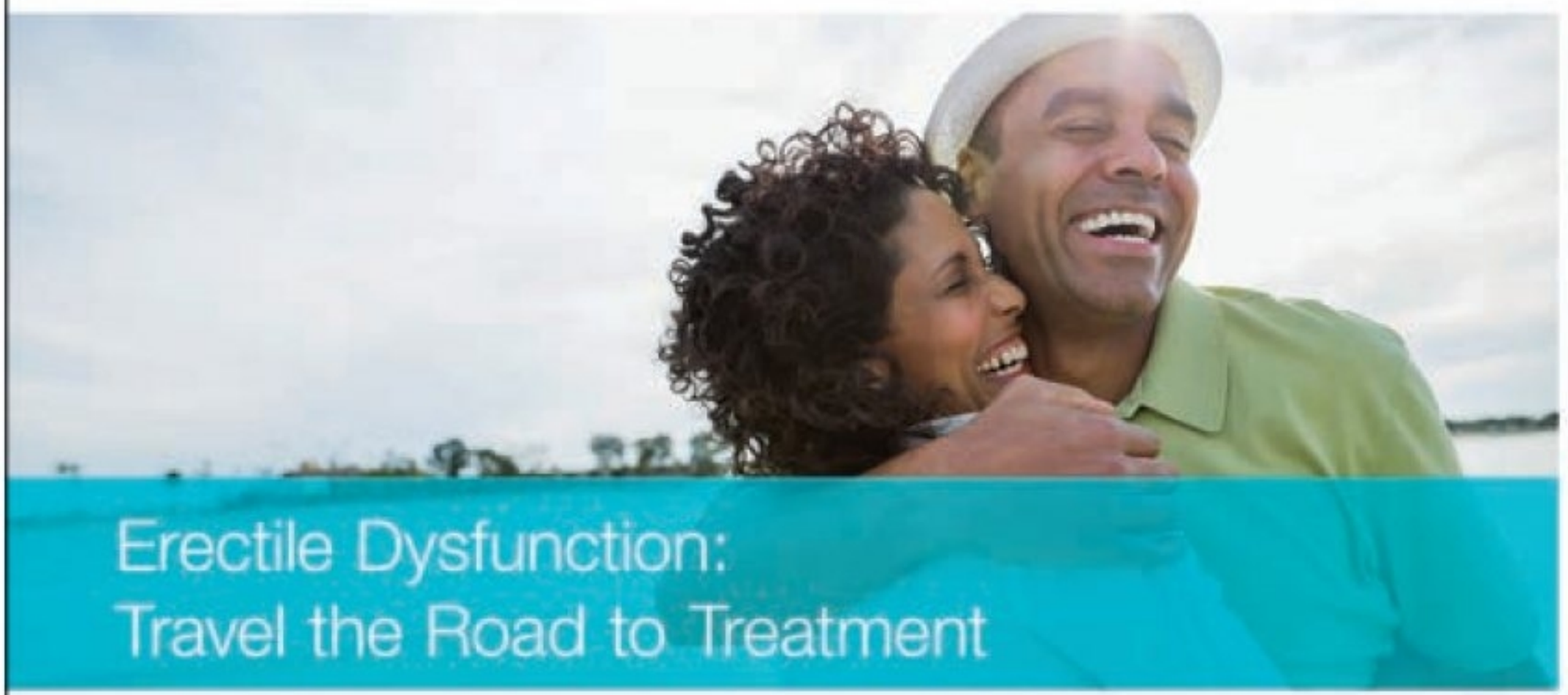
The Lebanese Red Cross said two people had suffered minor injuries in the blast, which took place around 8 p.m. in the Verdun area of Beirut, the National News Agency reported.

Local television showed footage of a damaged building, with one hole in a concrete wall, and said shattered glass had fallen to the ground from several storeys up.

The head of Lebanon's internal security force, Ibrahim Basbous, said the bomb had contained around 15 kg of explosive material and had been placed in a flower bed, the National News Agency said.

Interior Minister Nohad Machnouk said: "Politically it is clear that the target was Blom Bank only."

He said the attack had nothing to do with the militant group Islamic State, which has mounted suicide bombings in Beirut. REUTERS



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Orlando shooter called 911, swore allegiance to Islamic State

FBI agents investigate near the damaged rear wall of the Pulse nightclub. GETTY IMAGES

Omar Mateen had twice been interviewed by FBI agents, in 2013 and 2014, after making comments to co-workers indicating he supported militant groups, but neither interview led to evidence of criminal activity, the FBI's Hopper said.

A dozen unmarked police cars had gathered around a Port Saint Lucie house that appeared to be linked to the gunman.

If confirmed as an act of terrorism, it would be the deadliest such attack on U.S. soil since Sept. 11, 2001, when al Qaeda-trained hijackers crashed jetliners into New York's World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania, killing some 3,000 people.

The Orlando attacker was carrying an AR-15 style assault rifle and a handgun, Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings said. He also had an unidentified "device," said Orlando Police Chief John Mina.

The choice of target was especially heart-wrenching for members of the U.S. lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, said LGBT advocacy group Equality Florida.

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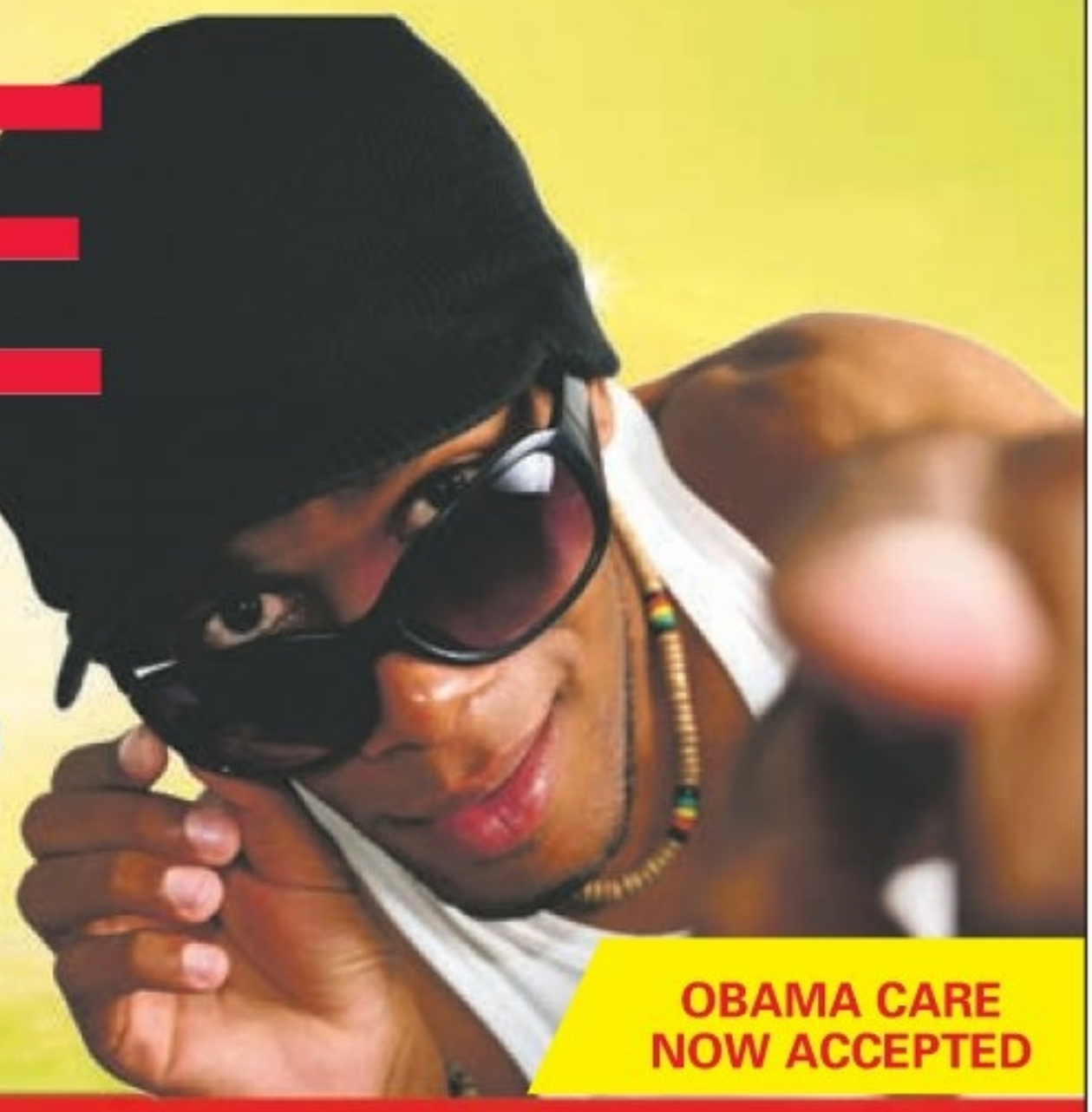

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Gunman in worst US massacre described as 'quiet,' with few friends

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But his transformation from high school football player to perpetrator of America's worst mass shooting raises questions over whether authorities, and the security company where he worked, missed red flags over the depth of his apparent sympathies with Muslim extremists and whether the United States has a clear strategy to turn Americans away from radicalism.

In Fort Pierce on Florida's southeast coast, 120 miles from the shooting, the imam at the mosque that Mateen attended for nearly 10 years described him as a soft-spoken, regular worshipper who rarely interacted with the congregation.

Omar Mateen MYSPACE

"He hardly had any friends," Syed Shafeeq Rahman, who heads the Islamic Center of Fort Pierce, told Reuters. "He would come with his little son at night to pray and after he would leave."

Rahman said Mateen never approached him regarding any concerns about homosexuals.

Mateen spent most of his life in Florida, attending Martin County High School in Stuart, a small city about a 20-minute drive from the Fort Pierce condominium where he had most recently lived.

Samuel King, who was one year ahead of Mateen, said the two often spoke after Mateen graduated in 2004. King worked as a waiter at Ruby Tuesday's restaurant at Treasure Coast Square, a mall where Mateen worked at GNC, the nutrition store, he said.

While at GNC, Mateen lifted weights and "got really buff," King said, describing Mateen as gregarious and talkative in the immediate years after high school. "Something must have changed" since he last saw him, he added.

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Trump quickly ties shootings to Islamists

GOP candidate tweeted that the massacre had proved that he was "right on radical Islamic terrorism."

In the wake of the deadliest shooting in U.S. history, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump wasted little time suggesting the attack was tied to Islamist militants, while his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, initially did not make that connection.

As President Barack Obama on Sunday addressed the nation about the incident that killed 50 people and wounded 53 at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, Trump assailed him for his longstanding refusal to refer to Islamic State and other extremist groups as in part representing the religion of Islam.

"Is President Obama going to finally mention the words radical Islamic terrorism?" Trump tweeted as the president was speaking. "If he doesn't he should immediately resign in disgrace."

Trump in a later tweet claimed the gunman shouted "Allah hu Akbar!" during the attack. U.S. officials as yet have not provided any information that such an incident occurred.

A gunman armed with an assault rifle attacked the Pulse nightclub at about 2 a.m. Sunday, ending in the worst mass shooting in U.S. history.

In his remarks at the White House, Obama said the investigation into the shootings was ongoing and declined to speculate on the motives of the shooter.

"We've reached no definitive judgment on the precise motivations of the killer," Obama said. "The FBI is appropriately investigating this as an act of terrorism."

Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

Similarly, Clinton, in a statement, called the attack an "act of terror" but did not speculate as to the ideology of the gunman, identified by authorities as Florida resident Omar Mateen.

"Law enforcement and intelligence agencies are hard at work, and we will learn more in the hours and days ahead," said Clinton, the likely Democratic presidential nominee.

During the campaign for the Nov. 8 presidential election, Trump has proposed a temporary ban on Muslims entering the United States as a means to combat the threat of militant attacks. REUTERS

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Some US lawmakers press for gun control after Florida shooting

The deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history prompted calls on Sunday by some members of Congress for legislation to tighten control of weapons sales, although there are slim hopes for much change after 50 people were killed at a Florida nightclub.

Democratic Sen. Robert Casey said he would announce a bill on Monday that would ban anyone convicted of a misdemeanor hate crime from owning a firearm.

Under current law, those with felony convictions are prohibited from buying or possessing a gun, but those convicted of misdemeanor hate crimes are not. Casey's bill is called the "Hate Crimes Prevention Act"

Sen. Robert Casey GETTY IMAGES

He planned to make the announcement in his home state of Pennsylvania, after a meeting with members of Pittsburgh's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Lawmakers, including some Republicans, have pressed for stricter gun laws after earlier mass shootings, but the measures have failed to gain enough support to become law. Backed by the powerful gun industry lobby, many members of Congress strongly resist any restrictions on weapons sales, saying they threaten Americans' constitutional rights.

Other Democratic lawmakers also called for Congress to act after Sunday's attack in Orlando, some in very strong terms.

Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy said the "epidemic" of gun violence would continue if Congress does not act and that lawmakers shared responsibility.

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Police investigate a car in Santa Monica, California, on Sunday believed to belong to a man who was arrested for reportedly having weapons, ammunition, and possible explosives and was reportedly headed to the gay pride parade in Los Angeles. GETTY IMAGES

A heavily armed man who said he was heading to a gay pride parade in Los Angeles was arrested early on Sunday, Mayor Eric Garcetti said.

Garcetti, speaking at the opening of the LA Pride Festival, expressed his horror at the massacre at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, early Sunday and said it appeared the arrest near Los Angeles was unrelated to the Florida attack, in which 50 people were killed and 53 injured.

Garcetti pledged that the Los Angles festival would proceed.

He said the arrest occurred after a tip from a suspicious resident. FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said the arrest was made by Santa Monica police and that the FBI was assisting in the investigation.

According to law enforcement officials cited by the Los Angeles Times, a search of the suspect's car turned up several weapons, ammunition and explosive powder was found in the vehicle.

Santa Monica Police declined to comment on the incident and referred calls to the FBI, as did the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, which also assisted in the arrest. REUTERS

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Chris Brown was "high as a kite" when he was pulled over for riding a dirt bike without plates in Amsterdam's Red Light District on Friday, according to TMZ.

But luckily for the pop star, he was only asked to follow officers to the station and pay a fine for the unregistered vehicle.

It's unclear whether Brown's celebrity played a role in his treatment, though the responding officers don't seem to recognize the singer.

Later, the singer posted a few videos on his Instagram from inside the police station.

The singer told fans he "just bought the bikes" and "forgot about the license plate."

He added that the police were "really nice about it," noting, "I really like the police out here—cool as s—, for real."

Apparently! According to TMZ, Brown "clearly could have been busted for DUI" as he and his buddies starting riding only minutes after enjoying some marijuana in one of the city's famed coffee shops.

'The Voice' remembers slain contestant

Christina Grimmie, a rising star who competed on NBC's "The Voice" was fatally shot while signing autographs Friday in Orlando, Florida.

Her "Voice" family has come out, expressing condolences and sharing memories of Grimmie, who was 22 when she died.

Adam Levine, a "Voice" judge who served as Grimmie's coach on the sixth season, said he and his wife were "devastated."

"Behati and I are absolutely devastated and heartbroken by Christina Grimmie's death. Our hearts go out to her family," he wrote in his post.

Christina Aguilera, also a "Voice" judge, praised Grimmie as a "true fighter."

"So sad passing of [Grimmie]. Beautiful member of #TheVoice family & true #Fighter. My heart goes out to her family, friends & fans. xo," Aguilera wrote on Twitter.

Blake Shelton also paid tribute to the star, writing Saturday, "I'm stunned and disgusted and heartbroken that we lost that sweet little girl... Keeping @TheRealGrimmie family in my heart and mind."

Don't talk smack about Adele

Say what you will about Adele, but it's hard to deny the "Hello" singer doesn't have some serious vocal chops. Famed producer Tony Visconti, though, doesn't quite see it that way.

"You turn the radio on and it's fluff, you are listening to 90 percent computerized voices," the producer, best known for his work with David Bowie, told the British Daily Star. "We know Adele has a great voice, but it's even questionable if that is actually her voice or how much has been manipulated. We don't know."

Adele seems to have an idea, telling her audience at a recent concert that "some dickhead tried to say that my voice was not me on record."

"Dude," she concludes. "Suck my d—."

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Lizzy Caplan: Yes, women are funny

The "Now You See Me 2" star is sick of people grumbling about female-driven comedies.

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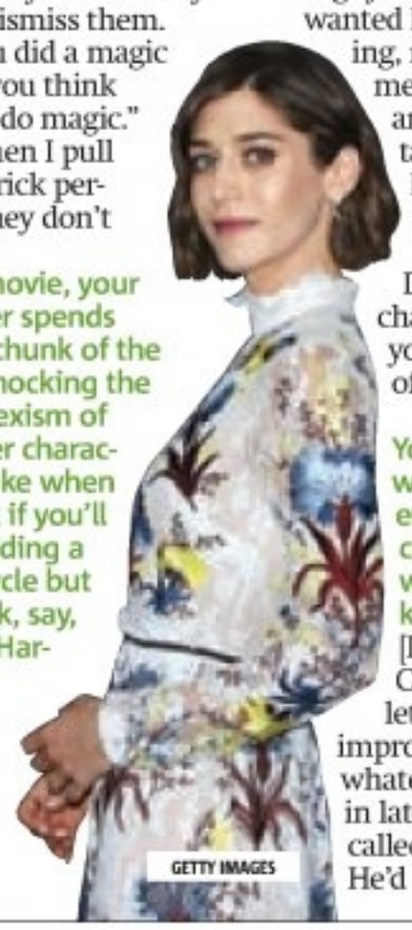
Lizzy Caplan hasn't done many blockbusters. "Cloverfield" aside, it's mostly TV or comedies: "Party Down," "Masters of Sex," "Bachelorette" and "Mean Girls." With "Now You See Me 2" she takes a detour into a splashy globe-trotting thriller, playing a new addition to the "Four Horseman," the Robin Hood magicians played by Jesse Eisenberg, Dave Franco and Woody Harrelson. And yet Caplan says it felt like making one of those raucous comedies, everyone doing their best to crack each other up. The actress, 33, talks about magic tricks and that teeth-grindingly annoying question: Are women funny?

Did you pick up any magic tricks doing this?

I did learn a few parlor tricks. Unfortunately when I bust them out in front of my friends they totally dismiss them. "Oh, you did a magic movie, you think you can do magic." Even when I pull off the trick perfectly, they don't buy it.



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In this movie, your character spends a good chunk of the movie mocking the casual sexism of the other characters — like when they ask if you'll be OK riding a motorcycle but don't ask, say, Woody Harrelson.

Exactly. And a lot of that stuff we just added as we were going along. I felt really strongly — since she's the only female Horseman — about not making her purely eye candy or, even worse, a straight man to the guy's zany antics. I wanted her to be annoying, really. They let me be overeager and kind of irritating. And she's kind of aggressive towards [romancing] Dave Franco's character, which you don't see too often.

You get some weird asides and even get to fake-cut your arm with an electric knife.

[Director] Jon Chu would let me go and improvise and say whatever I wanted in later takes. We called it "milking it." He'd call out, "Milk it!" and pretend to milk a cat or something. I could go off and say all kinds of stupid s—, just to make my co-stars laugh. But I thought they'd cut that out, because it was too much and they would try to jam the character into a more familiar box. But they really left a fair amount of it in. In a way I felt more comedic freedom on this than on a lot of comedies.

Of course, we still have to have that discussion about whether women are funny or not.

I know, ugh, god. Yes, I think it's changing, but it's changing at such a snail's pace that it's hard not to be consistently disappointed by it. "Bridesmaids," for example, worked great. So that restarted the conversation — "women being funny," which makes me want to bash my head into the wall. And then "Trainwreck" did really well. But still, it feels if "Ghostbusters" doesn't do well then they're not going to have female-driven comedies for awhile again. It's this neverending quest to prove that women can be funny. It's so exhausting.

Lizzy Caplan (with Dave Franco) joins the gang of Robin Hood magicians in "Now You See Me 2." IMY MAIDMENT

And then we get men's rights advocate dudes posting videos about how they're not going to see "Ghostbusters," only because the trailer wasn't funny.

Trailers are bad sometimes! And "Ghostbusters" — fingers crossed — will be good. But I feel like all the elements are in place: Paul Feig directing, all those girls are amazingly hilarious. How is that not going to be funny?

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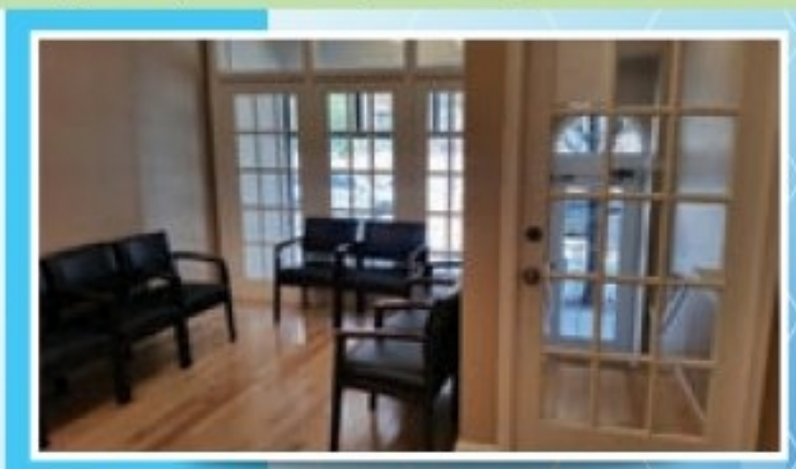

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Tenaya Darlington sips her way through history

The local food and drink expert celebrated the launch of her book, "The New Cocktail Hour" at Russet.

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If you're promoting a book of cocktail recipes — do it like Tenaya Darlington and throw a party. The food and drink expert hosted a decadent four-course meal at Russet in Center City to accompany selections from her latest book, "The New Cocktail Hour."

While attendees sipped and nibbled, Darlington discussed the story behind each of the cocktails, which included their historical significance.

The book, which she co-wrote with her brother Andre over Skype, allows readers to drink their way through history, as it's set up chronologically. From World War I to the Roaring '20s, nearly every decade is celebrated through libations.

"My brother and I worked on this book together every day, even though we live 900 miles apart," says Darlington. "We'd set up a time to video chat, select a few recipes to make together, and hop online with our shakers."

While mostly known as a cheese expert through her Madame Fromage blog, Darlington says this book was an opportunity to "explore craft cocktails in a deep way" and, like cheese, they're "having a moment."

The evening started with the French 75, made of gin, lemon juice, simple syrup and champagne. It pairs nicely with a "soft goat cheese," the author says, and there was quite the variety from Doe Run Farm to sample along with the cocktail.

Next came the Hemingway Daiquiri, a favorite of the famed author during his Cuba days. White rum, maraschino liqueur, lime and lemon juice came together for a "glacial" finish — cool, smooth and cutting.

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After a course of tangerine walnut salumi and hay tagliatelle, the third cocktail — Remember the Maine — was presented. It was so potent that it would be hard for one to remember anything after finishing a few of them, but it paired beautifully with the pit roasted beef shoulder and sour cherries in the fourth course.

Finally, no meal is complete without a dessert — especially one you can drink! A strawberry soyer au champagne was served, which included brandy, maraschino and curacao on top of a scoop of homemade ice cream.

Chef Brandon Thomas of Russet says: "When Tenaya showed me this cocktail, my inner child jumped for joy. Who doesn't love ice cream floats?"

With so many cocktails to explore in so many different historical periods, at what point in history would Darlington herself transport to, if she could?

"I would love to spend an evening drinking sherry cobblers during the Golden Age at the turn of the 19th century," Darlington says. "This was the era before Prohibition, when ice was a novelty and grand hotel bars featured very theatrical shaker boys who entertained the crowd by making fancy mixed drinks."

Drinking with a side of theatrics? Yes, please.

Tenaya Darlington with representatives of Doe Run Farm JENNIFER LOGUE

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City Rain releases 'Take Me to The Void'

The band performs an album release party this Friday at Milkboy.

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"A lot of life has happened in between this album and the last one," says Ben Runyan, the artist behind electronic music project City Rain.

After the success of its first release, "Songs for a Highschool Dance," in 2014, Runyan along with band members Scott Cumpstone on guitar and Ross Robey on drums, set out to create an entirely new sound for City Rain on its newest record, "Take Me to the Void."

All of the songs were written a month after a breakup by Runyan and marks the first time the band's worked with a producer.

"Paula Hansen [the producer] helped us figure out the tracks as rock songs — adding real elements like drums and guitar to make them more than just electronic tracks," Runyan says.

This Friday, City Rain will perform a CD release show at Milkboy in Center City along with fellow Philly band Minka.

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The 'South Philly Musician Mural' is getting 'remixed'

The original is damaged beyond repair and will be replaced with a work by Eric Okdeh.

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The mural will be located at Broad & Tasker. PROVIDED

There's going to be a new mural at Broad & Tasker, replacing the 2004 mural, "South Philly Musician," which has become irreparably damaged.

The new mural, named "South Philly Musicians Remixed," will be created by Eric Okdeh and features many of the same artists from the original, including Frankie Avalon, Chubby Checker, Fabian Forte, Al Martino, Bobby Rydell and Jerry Blavat. Additions will include Charlie Gracie and James Darren. The mural aims to commemorate the "American Bandstand" era of music in Philadelphia.

"These artists that are on the mural represent young people who at a very early age were able to follow their dreams," says Jerry Blavat, South Philly native and radio icon comments. "They represent truly what America was about, where you were able to follow your dreams and your passion."

In August, there will be a community paint day, where the public can lend a hand in the painting efforts, and the site will be formally dedicated Oct. 15.

Jane Golden, executive director of the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program says:

"We know the 'American Bandstand' era of music is so important to South Philadelphia and to our entire region. The City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program is excited to create a new version of a mural commemorating these musicians and their legacy, and to honor this iconic period of Philadelphia's rich cultural history."

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How to raise successful kids

A new book argues that empathy will help the next generation live more fulfilling lives.

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By now, it's a well-worn argument: The allures of technology have basically taken our attention spans hostage.

What's more frightening is that it's eroding our ability to empathize, argues Michele Borba in her book "Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World." Borba's premise is straightforward: Empathy is crucial to successful relationships, leadership and overall wellbeing. It's a learned behavior, and one that needs extra practice in an age of self-absorbtion.

"You practice saying, 'Hey, that looks wrong' by face-to-face interaction. You don't learn it by a screen," says Borba. "The more we're plugged in, the more our empathy can wane if we're not deliberately tuning it up."

Borba shared some tips for children (and adults) who need to cultivate empathy.

Unplug

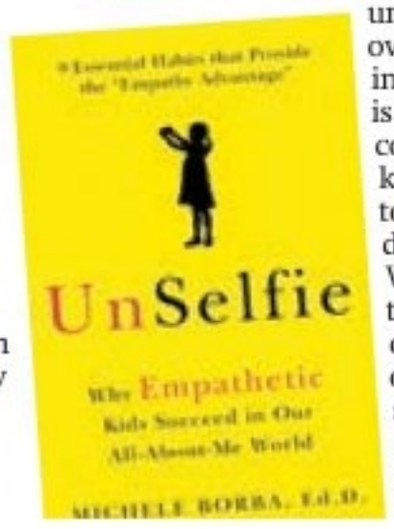
Because online communication lacks intonation and tone, "you're not getting the perspective of where the person is coming from — that's the cognitive side of empathy," says Borba. One way to flex that empathy muscle is simply by pointing out emotions and their physical manifestations. It starts with, "Oh, Daddy is sad because Daddy's face has a frown," says Borba. This translates to the playground, where kids are then better equipped to point out bullying when they see it.

Role play

One of Borba's most timely points is that "empathy is probably our best strategy for combating sexism and racism." And — hard as it is — let's say it's *your* kid who's the bully lacking empathy. Instead of a timeout, which "doesn't help children learn acceptable behavior or consider the feelings of those they hurt," Borba points out, get them to step into another's shoes and re-enact positive behavior. "Say you're disappointed and why," she says. "'It's because I expect better of you. You're a caring person, so let's do that again.'"

Read to develop moral couage

Reading literary fiction (classics include "Lord of the Flies" and "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" for younger kids) builds empathy by helping kids identify the emotional cues that inform a character's decision-making process. Consider having kids write an entry in "The Diary of Anne Frank" from Anne's perspective, or stepping into the shoes of a character by creating them out of construction paper and adopting the fictional persona. "Why did a character respond the way she did?" is a key question for developing empathy, says Borba.



Connect face-to-face

Borba describes a young child with behavioral issues who developed empathy when his caretakers let him hold a baby. It was a moment of "compassionate conversion" — meaning the child saw how considering someone else's needs helped him understand his own. Empathy in the abstract is a difficult concept, and kids often need to see its immediate impact. When kids see the positive consequences of empathy, says Borba, they feel empowered.

How rude! Why office etiquette matters

Rigid workplace rules may be outdated, but basic social graces never go out of style.

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Next time you consider shouting to a coworker over the cubicle wall, think twice. Traditional etiquette might seem like a thing of the past, but old-fashioned social graces still go a long way in the office. We spoke with Daniel Post Senning, the great-great-grandson of etiquette pioneer Emily Post and co-author of "The Etiquette Advantage in Business" about the biggest manners mistakes in the workplace.

To make the office a little more pleasant for everyone, follow his advice.

Mistake No. 1: Lack of social awareness

One of the biggest reasons workers leave their places of employment is a lack of respect or appreciation, Senning explains. "Remember that business is built on relationships," he says, "so awareness of others and how your actions impact others is essential." Small gestures make the office a pleasant place to be. Greet coworkers with a hello when you arrive, look people in the eye and give colleagues your full attention during a conversation. And of course, always remember to say "thank you."

Mistake No. 2: Poor communication choices

"A mistake that people make is not thinking about how their choice of communication starts to become part of the message itself," Senning says. "When you get something handwritten or personalized, it says 'This really matters.' Similarly, if you text your boss about why you're not going to make the most important meeting of the year, that might not show the seriousness the situation deserves."

Office gossip? No, thanks. ISTOCK

Mistake No. 3: Clashing with coworkers

Senning says, "People don't take enough care with their work relationships, [but] the quality of our lives depends on it." He suggests a twofold approach to dealing with challenging work relationships: earning to have difficult conversations respectfully so tensions don't escalate, and being diligent about respecting colleagues' privacy and boundaries.

Mistake No. 4: Failure to use discretion

Office gossip is always tempting, but discussing a co-worker's personal life reflects poorly on you and the professional environment. Find out surprising information about a colleague? Do (or say) nothing, and just let it go. "Learn to let people have their private space and time and lives," Senning says.

Mistake No. 5: Carelessness about common space

"Some of the most common conflict areas are shared spaces in the office," Senning says. Failure to keep a tidy kitchen space, or loudly carrying on personal phone calls make for an unpleasant experience for everyone. Instead, lead by example. "Hold yourself accountable," he says, "maybe even to a standard higher than your own."

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Muhammad Ali was notoriously outspoken, while Gordie Howe was as nonpolitical as it gets. GETTY IMAGES

BURKE: KEEP POLITICS OUT OF SPORTS

Two of the greatest athletes in the history of North American sports died a week apart. Boxing legend Muhammad Ali and hockey superduper-star Gordie Howe are sadly no longer with us.

The two were entirely different when it came to openly discussing politics. Ali became the most recognizable face in the world for a time period mostly because of his dislike for the way America was. He refused to go to Vietnam and was convicted of draft evasion. He was banned from boxing because of it, losing over three years of his prime. He owned one of the most famous quotes from that time period: "No Viet-Cong ever called me n—."

Ali was the most outspoken athlete of all-time when it came to politics. Gordie Howe? Not quite. I Googled "Gordie Howe Democrat," "Gordie Howe Republican," and "Gordie Howe politics" and came away clueless about his political stance.

When Ali died, we got a week's worth of media blowhards begging for a current megastar athlete to openly discuss politics the way Ali did.

"LeBron, how do we defeat ISIS?"

"Aaron Rodgers, what's your take on Trump and his plans to build a wall?"

"Cam Newton, are you 'Ready for Hillary'?"

Of course, the people who are calling for these famous athletes to 'finally speak up' are the same ones who would immediately slam Tom Brady if he campaigned alongside his buddy Trump, and they're the same ones who would roll their eyes if Stephen Curry rambled on for 30 minutes about gun control in an NBA Finals pregame press conference.

We live in an era where if you post a political message on Facebook or Twitter, you had best be prepared to spend an hour of your time replying to the pissed off people who disagree with you. Ya, the debate is fine. It's great that we live in a country in which we are allowed to debate. But, seriously. What is in it for a major pro athlete in 2016 to join this debate?

More important, what is in it for us – in the real world – for a major athlete to speak up regarding real life issues in 2016?

Guys like LeBron do not have a clue what the real world is like in 2016, so why in the world should we pressure him to speak about it? He's a guy who was on the cover of Sports Illustrated when he was 17 years old, and he's a guy who hasn't heard the word "no" since around 1992. This is not his fault, of course. It's just the way it's been in this country for some time.

Just know that growing up in the 1980s and '90s like LeBron did is far different from growing up in the 1940s and '50s like Ali did. Ali dealt with real-life issues every single day. LeBron has been shielded from real-life issues for decades now.

Now, I despise the idea of censorship, and I agree that we live in a country right now that has far too much censorship. But I'm absolutely fine with today's pro athlete shutting his or her mouth and just "sticking to sports."

We have far too much misinformation in this country as it is. We really don't need rich pro athletes to add to the political drivel.

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OPINION

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Making sense of the Phillies' MLB Draft haul, first pick Mickey Moniak

The Phillies made California outfielder Mickey Moniak the first pick of the 2016 MLB draft Thursday. Moniak, a right-handed high-school bat, has the glove and speed to potentially remain in center field throughout his career.

The Phillies have been trying to find a consistent outfield for years now. Moniak has considerably less power in his bat than you might be used to seeing in a player that goes off the board No. 1, but he did grow his home runs from zero as a junior to seven as a senior.

Moniak was the fifth best player in the draft according to MLB.com. He might be fast-tracked, but since he's a high schooler, it will still be years before fans get a whiff of him as a major-leaguer.

For their second pick they dipped back into the California high school pool (and back into the UCLA commitment list) to take right-handed pitcher Kevin Gowdy 42nd. Gowdy, 6-foot-4, was ranked the 37th best prospect by MLB.com. He compliments his fastball with a slider and a changeup, showing a more developed arsenal than an average high school pitcher.

The Phillies have had, by all accounts from baseball experts, an excellent draft.
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MLB.com's Jim Wallis said the Phillies had the best second day of any team at the draft, which started with infielder Cody Stobbe. Another high-schooler and another right-hander, Stobbe hit 14 home runs this season. MLB.com ranks him 47th, so by that rating, Stobbe was a bit of a steal at the 78th pick.

Their fourth-round pick, JoJo Romero, is the first college player selected by the Phillies and a left-handed pitcher. He attended Yavapai College, notable as the school of former Phillies pitchers Curt Schilling and Ken Giles.

They rounded out the second day and their first 10 selections with four more college pitchers, a catcher, and center fielder David Martinelli, the first of three players drafted by the Phillies from Dallas Baptist University.

All in all, the team made 30 selections on Saturday, the third day of the draft. They wound up with 21 collegiate athletes and nine high-schoolers. They drafted 17 pitchers (five lefties,) seven infielders, four outfielders, and two catchers on the third day (three of the infielders were first basemen).

If the Phillies are looking to replace Ryan Howard, they're aiming for the right mold. 15th-round pick Alex Wojciechowski hit 33 home runs for division-II Minnesota-Duluth. A round earlier, their second dip into the Dallas Baptist cookie jar found junior Darick Hall, who had 20 home runs in 2016. LUKE MILLER

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The Court has fixed courtdate, June 21, 2016 at 1:00 P.M., in Room No. 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA for hearing. All persons interested may appear and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.

Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, April term, 2016 , No. 02872
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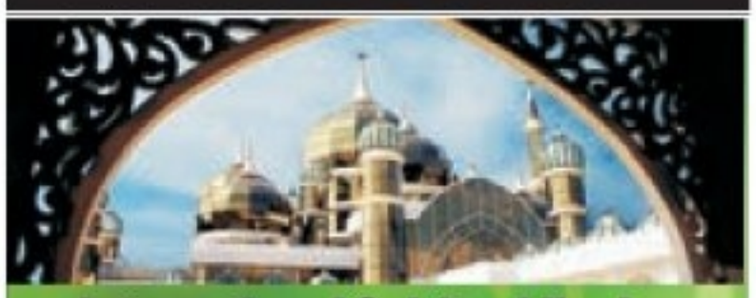

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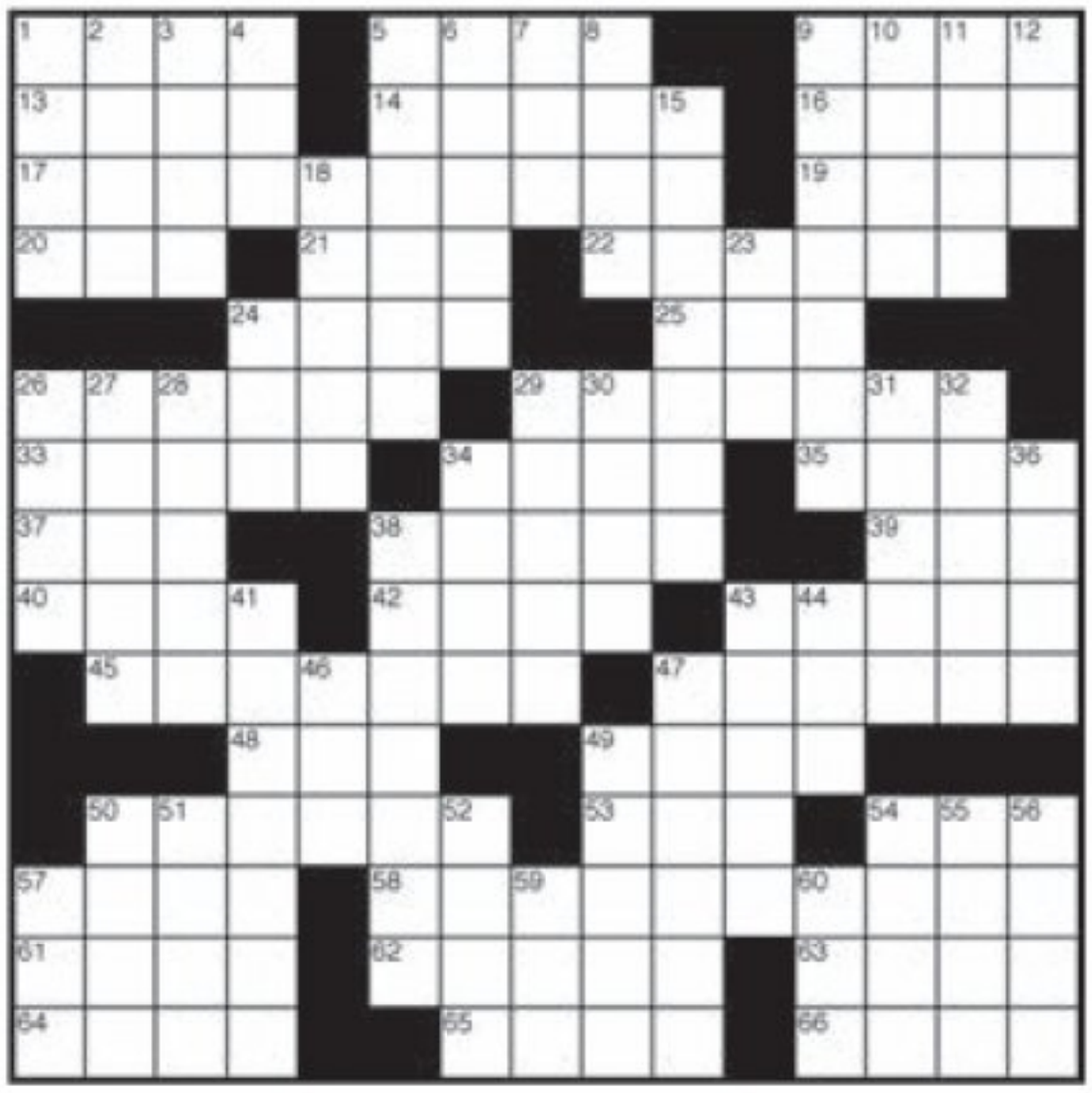

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Libra Make plans and follow through with them. Your ability to formulate an idea and put it into play will help you gain confidence and the support you need to succeed.

Scorpio You need to make your plans financially feasible. It's OK to dream, but efficiency and expense will be factors if you aren't realistic. Build slowly.

Sagittarius You should beef up your resume to fit the current economic trends, but be honest about what you can offer an employer. Opportunity will be yours, so you'd better be prepared.

Capricorn Don't give in to someone in order to keep the peace. Someone using emotional tactics is best treated firmly if you want to come out on top. Ask questions.

Aquarius Don't play games. Make up your mind and stick to your plan. You'll gain respect and impress a loved one if you are straightforward about what you want.

Pisces Demands that are difficult to meet will be made. You should put more money and effort into an investment that will help you get ahead. Call in favors if it will help you. EUGENIA LAST

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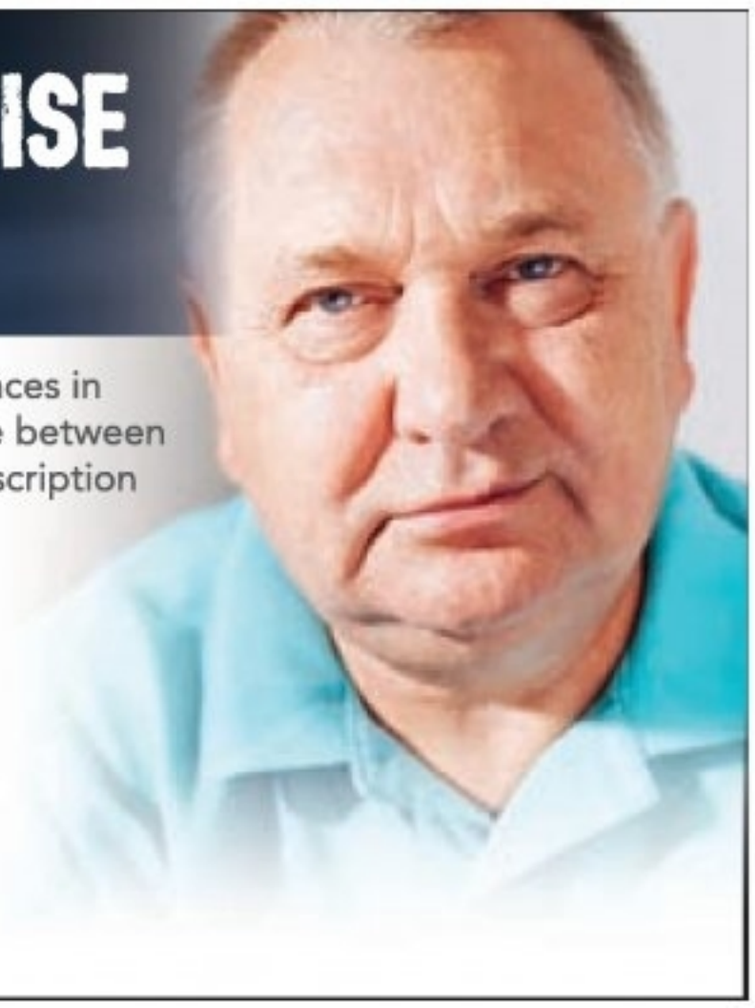

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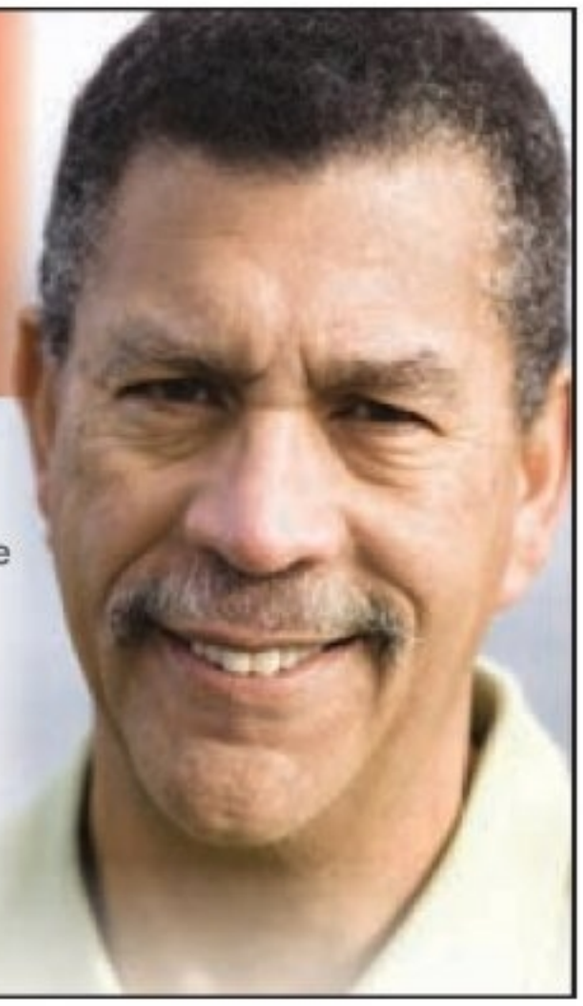

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